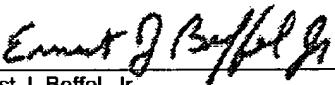


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In re Application of:

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Application No. 10/026,366

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**Title: Method and Apparatus for
Declarative Error Handling
and Presentation**

Group Art Unit: 2178

Examiner: Kyle R. STORK

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY FOR 28 OCTOBER 2005

Sir:

Applicants requested and were granted an in-person interview with Examiner Kyle R. Stork, which took place on **Friday, 28 October 2005**, starting at about 9:00 a.m. EDT. This document summarizes the interview.

Applicants thank Examiner Stork and express their appreciation for his diligent preparation for this interview. We note that he conducted a supplemental search and discussed the existing claims with his supervisor, in preparation for the interview.

Prior to the interview, we submitted a proposed agenda, the substance of which is reproduced below:

"The spirit of this interview is to advance the case towards allowance. The

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last correspondence in this case was the ***Appeal Brief***, which the Applicants filed on 3 October 2005, in response to the Examiner's ***Final Office Action mailed 05 May 05***. Applicants would like to discuss with the Examiner the best way to advance the case towards allowance.

During the interview, we hope to begin with the technology disclosed and also discuss:

- 1) The technical content of Ogbuji
- 2) Claim 1
- 3) Prospects that dependent claims are currently allowable"

During the interview, we began with discussion of the technology disclosed, in the context of a small business with modest IT infrastructure meeting the dictates of a larger business with a highly integrated purchasing and supply chain system, such as a plastic parts manufacturer supplying an automobile manufacturer. This interview preceded an interview in the contemporaneously filed case Applic. No. 10/026,364. We do not recall much discussion of Ogbuji, if any.

We discussed claims 1 & 12, which differ by the type of validating that is performed. The Examiner indicated that he was prepared to allow claim 1, if the limitations of claim 3 were incorporated, without requiring the limitations of claim 2 to be incorporated. The Examiner had in hand a reference, which is not immediately available to Applicants. Applicants would appreciate it if the Examiner would provide a copy of the reference for the record. One difference between that reference and the claims was that the reference did not operate in two phases. The Examiner appeared to be persuaded that he would not find a reference that operated as claimed.

Toward the end of the interview, the Examiner stepped out to confer with his supervisor. Applicants understood the Examiner to withdraw his request to amend claim 1. Applicants further understood, in light of the additional searching that the Examiner had conducted in preparation for the interview, that claims 1 & 12 were likely to be allowed following the interview.

Claims 1 & 12 are the only independent claims in the application.

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